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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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To all readers -
Start the New Year with a Bang! Computer power supply failure resulted in crashed hard drive and loss of files. Also loss of several weeks of the ICPO bulletin - sorry for any missed info. The rest of 2014 will be devoted to gathering up all the scattered bits & bytes. At least it will not be a boring year! See you all next week ......
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05/02/2014: Alessandro, IZ4AMS, and Fabio, IK2LTR, will join the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest from the island of Cyprus (AS-004, MIA MCI-002, WLOTA 0051) as 5B/IZ4AMS (20m) and 5B/IK2LTR (15m). QRV also before and after from the 5th to the 12th on 30-10m in CW, SSB, and RTTY. QSLs via homecalls. [DXNL]

05/02/2014: Vlad, UA4WHX, just showed up from Isla Robinson Crusoe (SA-005, WLOTA 0153), Juan Fernandez Archipelago, signing CE0Z/UA4WHX as he continues his Chilean island tour. QRV 80-10m, mainly CW. As usual, length of stay is unknown at this time. QSL via home call.

07/02/2014: Al, W6HGF, will once again be active as FP/W6HGF from Miquelon island (NA-032, DIFO FP-002, WLOTA 1417) between 7-18th February 2014. QRV on 160-10m, mainly in RTTY and some CW. QSL via home call; OQRS via ClubLog. Website: www.qsl.net/w6hgf/FP_W6GHF_2014.html [DXNL]

08/02/2014: Ash, KF5EYY, plans to participate from Tunisia in the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (8-9 February) as 3V8BB on 40m. QSL direct via LX1NO and LoTW. Website: www.kf5eyy.info/ [DXNL]

08/02/2014: Operators Han DS2GOO, Sun DS4DBF, Rew DS4NYE, Kim HL1OYF, and Rocky HL1VAU, all members of the Korea Contest Club, join forces to operate D70LW from the island of Anmyon (AS-080) during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest. QSL direct via DS4NYE and LoTW. [DXNL]

08/02/2014: Look for Jorge, EA9LZ, to be active as a Single-Op entry in the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest from Ceuta (CQ zone 33). QSL via LoTW is preferred. [NG3K]

08/02/2014: Andrey, R9XC, will be active using the Sochi 2014 special callsign RN22OG during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest as a Single-Op/Overlay/TB Wires entry (CQ zone 17). QSL via R9XC and LoTW. Log search will be provided by Club Log. Website: ok2014.ru/ [NG3K]

08/02/2014: Francoise, F4BMR and Yves, F5GN will be active as TO4YL from Ducos, island of Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001, WLOTA 1041) between 8-22 February 2014. QRV on 160-10m. QSL via F5GN, bureau or direct (Francoise Roucayrol, La Trivalle, Lamillarie 81120, France) with SAE and at least 2 US Dollar or 1 IRC. [DX World]

09/02/2014: Jeff, VA3QSL, will be active holiday style as PJ7/VA3QSL from Dutch St. Maarten (NA-105, WLOTA 0711) between 9-17th February 204. Activity will be on SSB and CW; 80-10m. There may also be some activity from French St. Martin (NA-105, WLOTA 0383) as FS/VA3QSL. QSL to homecall via bureau, direct (QRZ.com

for info), or LoTW. [VA3QSL]

10/02/2014: Eric, OE4AAC, will be returning to Rodrigues Island (AF-017, WLOTA 4265, WWFF 3BFF-004) between 10-18th February 2014. QRV holiday style as 3B9/OE4AAC on 40-10 metre CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

10/02/2014: Operators Ed K1ZE, Bob W1EQ and Jay W1UJ, plan to get active as KP2/homecalls from the 10th to the 17th of February 2014, including the ARRL contest as NP2N, from the island of St. Croix (USi VI-002S, WLOTA 2477), U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106). QRV on all HF bands using CW, SSB, and RTTY. QSL NP2N via the bureau, all others via homecall. Website: www.mymountainbreeze.com/ [DXNL]

11/02/2014: Yuri, VE3DZ, pays Malvern, St Elizabeth Parish, County of Cornwall, Jamaica (NA-097, WLOTA 0214, WW Loc. FK17EW) a visit from the 11th to the 18th of February 2014 and will work all bands and modes as 6Y2T, including the ARRL DX CW Contest (15-16 February). QSL via home call, direct or bureau and LoTW. [DXNL]

11/02/2014: Ewald, 7P8ID, will be in Lesotho between 11-16th February 2014 and plans to be active on 40-6 metre 100 Watt SSB, using the callsign 7P8ID. QSL goes direct only to DK3ID or OE8IDK (QRZ.com). [DX World]

11/02/2014: George, KQ8Z, will be QRV as C6AZZ in both ARRL DX contests from Grand Bahama island (NA-080, WLOTA 0527, CQ Zone 08, WW Loc. FL06UO) between 11 February and 3 March 2014. Casual operation on most bands outside of the contests. QSL via home call, direct only. [DXNL]

11/02/2014: Bill, N7OU and Rocky, NE7D will be staging a DXpedition from Port Vila, Vanuatu (OC-035), between 11-25 February, 2014. Callsign to be announced. QRV on 160-10m, CW only, using verticals on a north-facing shore and 500w amps. They will also participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (15-16 February) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via their home calls. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [DX World]

12/02/2014: Kasimir, DL2SBY will be active from the Republic of Maldives (AS-013) between 12-24 February 2014. During his stay he will visit Ziyaaraifushi Island, North Male Atoll (12-18 February) and Fihalhohi Island, South Male Atoll (18-24 February). Plans are to be QRV on 30-10m, SSB, CW and RTTY. RIG: FT900AT + Amplifier ACOM 1010. Antenna triple-leg for 20-10 mtrs band including WARC / maybe 30m band. SSB + CW at 600 Watts, RTTY at 300 Watts. QSL via DL2SBY, bureau, direct as well as through PayPal request. Log will be uploaded to ClubLog. Website: www.qrz.com/db/8Q7KB [DX World]

14/02/2014: Toshi, JA8BMK, will be active as XV2BM from Vietnam between 15th February and 25 March 2014. Plans are to be QRV holiday style on 160-10 metre, all mode, using a hexbeam, verticals and inverted V. Note: start and end dates are approximate and might change. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [DX World]

LOOKING AHEAD -

15/02/2014: The CN2AA team is going to take part in ARRL DX CW contest (15-16 Frebruary) as a M/S entry from Morocco. Operators include Sergey RX3APM, Yuri RL3FT, Andrey RV1AW and Sergei RU3RQ. QRV as CN2PM (FISTS #8306) before the contest. QSL via UA2FM and LoTW. [NG3K]

15/02/2014: Freddy, F5IRO, plans to operate from Mare Island (OC-033) during the 2nd week of February as FK8RO/p. QRV on 40-10m using CW each day from 0900z on. QSL via F5IRO. Website: j28ro.blogspot.com [DXNL]

15/02/2014: Tony, RT9T, will be active as H27A in the ARRL DX CW Contest (15-16 Frebruary) from the island of Cyprus (AS-004, MIA MCI-002, WLOTA 0051). Plans are for a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via RT9T and LoTW. [NG3K]

15/02/2014: Dave, N2NL, plans a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (15-16 Frebruary) and the ARRL DX Phone Contest (1-2 March) from the island of Guam (IOTA OC-026, USi GU003S, WFF KFF-110, WLOTA 0064). QSL goes via LoTW or W2YC direct. [NG3K]

15/02/2014: Carol, KA4WJR (ARLHS Member #1881), reports that special event callsign N4N will be be activated by her group from the Mount Dora Lake Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-1407) for the 140th Anniversary of the 1st Settlers in Mount Dora. The lighthouse is located on Lake Dora at the entrance of the Port of Mount Dora in Mount Dora, Florida. Built in 1988, only 35 ft. tall, the lighthouse is a fully functional navigating light for the Port of Mount Dora, on Lake Dora. It is the only inland freshwater lighthouse in Florida. Mount Dora's 1st settlers were the Simpson Family in 1874. The Postmaster gave the settlement a name in 1880 by combining parts of his own children's names. In 1883 it was renamed Mount Dora, as it is located on a plateau 184 feet above sea level and borders Lake Dora. N4N will operate from 1500 UTC February 15, 2014 to 0200 UTC February 16, 2014 (10:00 am to 9:00 pm local time on Saturday February 15, 2014. Modes will be CW, SSB and PSK-31. See qrz.com webpages for N4N or KA4WJR - follow instructions for QSL. QSL via eQSL or Direct ONLY (Carol Scoglio, 31 Lake Wood Circle, Ocala, FL 34482 USA). Further information can be found on their website at: 146970.com/lighthouse [KA4WJR]

15/02/2014: Kurt, W6PH, will once again be active as VP9/W6PH in the ARRL DX CW Contest (15-16 Frebruary) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry from Hamilton Parish, island of Bermuda (NA-005). QSL via home call, direct only. [NG3K]

17/02/2014: Max, IZ5BTC, will once again be active as II5ANT (WAP-025) from Lucca, Italy, inthe 11th Antarctic Activity Week (17-23 February). Look for activity on all bands and modes, propagation allowing. QSL via IZ5BTC, bureau or direct (Massimo Simi, Via Sorbano del Vescovo 45/b - 55100 Lucca, Italy). [www.waponline.it/]

01/03/2014: Look for special event station 8N2HHH to be active on all bands and modes between 1 March and 16 June 2014 for the Hamanako Flower Expo (or Hana Haku) 2014 / The 31st Japan Parks and Urban Green Fair in Shizuoka-city (JCC 1801). Shizuoka-city is located in Shizuoka prefecture, Chubu region, on the island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/03/2014: Operators Jeff KB1ZOJ, Valerie NV9L, Gregg W6IZT, George N4GRN and Tim K5AC will be active from the island of Saba (NA-145, WLOTA 2043, WWFF PAFF-027) for the ARRL DX Phone Contest (1-2 March). They will use the callsign PJ6A as a Multi-Single entry. Activity before/after the contest as PJ6/homecall. QSL PJ6A via the information on QRZ.com. QSL the other callsigns via the individual operators home call. [NG3K]

01/03/2014: Operators Jon K7CO, Christian K7CXN and another team member plan activity as VK9X/K7CO from Christmas Island (OC-002, WWFF VKFF-098) between 1-11 March 2014. Activity will be on 80-10 metre SSB, CW and PSK-31. QSL via K7CO, direct only (Jon Utley, 9293 S. Hartford Park Ave 308, West Jordan, Utah 84081, USA). Bureau QSLs will not be available. ClubLog will host the online logsearch and also provide the OQRS for easy QSLing. Further information and updates can be found on their website at: vk9x.com/ [K1XN]

01/03/2014: Scott, K7ZO, will once again be active Field Day style from San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, for the ARRL DX Phone Contest (1-2 March) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Spiderbeam for 20-10m, verticals for

160-40m. Some casual operation before the contest. QSL goes via LoTW or via K7ZO direct. [NG3K]

03/03/2014: Bob, G3PJT, will once again sign J34G from the Coral Cove area of L'Anse aux Epines, island of Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA 0718, WW Loc. FK92CA) from 3-10 March 2014. QRV holiday style on the HF bands, including an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (8-9 March). There is also the possibility of some SOTA activity. QSL only via G3PJT by email (bob [AT] g3pjt.com) request for bureau, cards not required. If you want a direct QSL - send QSO info plus 2USD and SASE to Bob Whelan, 36 Green End, Comberton, Cambridge CB23 7DY, England. Please note that Bob do NOT accept IRCs. [DXAT]

09/04/2014: Look for Hans DL6JGN, Ronald PA3EWP and Guenter DL2AWG to be signing KH8/homecalls from Ofu Island (OC-077, USi AS002S, WLOTA 3053), Manu'a County, American Samoa, between 9-20th April 2014. Plans are to be QRV on 40m to 10m using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will use 2x K3 and PA 600W with Monoband GP's from their QTH which is unobstructed to north direction, ie no hills. QSL via home calls. [DX World]

25/05/2014: Operators Francis ON8AZ, Geert ON7USB, Patrick ON7PQ, Luc ON7KZ and Tim ON5HC will be active as TM4U from Ile Saint-Nicolas, Glenan Islands (IOTA EU-094, DIFM AT010, Grid Loc. IN87) between 25-30th May 2014. QRV on 160-6m using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via ON8AZ direct (Francis Balcaen, Heulebosstraat 33, B-8501 Heule, Belgium) or by the bureau. Website: www.eu094.be/ [NG3K]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

I.S.W.L. CLUB CALLSIGNS -
The ISWL Club Callsigns in use throughout the month of February 2014 are:
GC4BJC /A - Operated from Llandegfan, in Anglesey, by Dave, GW3XRM. (WAB Square = SH57 - Wales, IOTA = EU-124 and WLOTA = LH-0453).
MS1SWL /A - Operated from Newton Stewart, in Galloway, by Ian, GM8AVM. (/A WAB Square = NX35 - Scotland, IOTA = EU-005 and WLOTA = LH-1234).
ALL QSL's for BOTH Calls will be handled by Herbie G6XOU and NOT the individual Operator.
The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/ NO LOTW.

I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk/ for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for our awards.
Very best wishes to all,
Pete Rayer, ISWL Life Vice President, Bournemouth, UK. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

LA, Norway - LM2T75Y celebrates the 75th anniversary of the NRRL club in Trondheim (LA2T). QRV all year long on HF in lots of modes. QSL via LA2T, LoTW. [DXNL]

LY, Lithuania - LY16W commemorates the proclamation of an independent Lithuania on February 16, 1918. QRV during February. QSL via LY5W, LoTW, eQSL. [DXNL]

OM, Slovakia - OM150JM honours the memory of the Slovakian inventor and wireless pioneer Jozef Murgas. QRV from February to May on all bands in CW, SSB, and digital modes. QSL via OM7AX. [DXNL]

PA, Netherlands - Fred, PA0FAW (ISWL PA-11092), uses the call PA400SM to mark 400 years of friendship between the Netherlands and Sweden. QRV between 8 February and 7 March 2014 in CW plus some digital modes and SSB from various locations (possibly including WFF-PA-005). QSL via h/c, eQSL, SWL reports

welcome. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

07/02-18/02 FP/W6HGF: Miquelon Island WLOTA:1417 QSL H/c (d/OQRS)
08/02-22/02 TO4YL: Martinique Island WLOTA:1041 QSL F5GN (d/B)
09/02-25/03 FG/F6ITD: La Desirade Island WLOTA:1121 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/02-17/02 PJ7/VA3QSL: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL H/c (d/B)
10/02-18/02 3B9/OE4AAC: Rodriguez Island WLOTA:4265 QSL H/c (d/B)
10/02-17/02 KP2/K1ZE: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL H/c (d/B)
10/02-17/02 KP2/W1EQ: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL H/c (d/B)
10/02-17/02 KP2/W1UJ: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL H/c (d/B)
11/02-18/02 6Y2T: Jamaica Island WLOTA:0214 QSL VE3DZ (d/B)
11/02-03/03 C6AZZ: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL KQ8Z (d)

6 METRES & UP -

09/02 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 6m class 0000z-2359z
09/02 Contest Romagna 144MHz CW/SSB/Open/Fixed, /P 0800z-1300z
09/02 MRAC FM Simplex Contest Fixed/Mobile/6m-70cm 1900z-2130z
10/02 Memorial OK1WC (MWC) Activity 6m Phone/CW 1600z-1659z
11/02 LY 432MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
11/02 NRAU 432MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
11/02 RSGB 432MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
12/02 MOON Contest 432MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z
13/02 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
13/02 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_feb.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

Operation approved for DXCC credit
The following operation is approved for DXCC credit:
CY0P - Sable Island
2013 Operation
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Bill Moore NC1L
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QSLs via Bureau: 5U9AMO, 5X1NH, 6W7SK, 9M2MRS, 9M4SLL, 9U4U, 9X0PY, FJ/N5WR, HH2/HB9AMO, J6/N7QT, J88DR, NH2T, P40Y, PJ4NX, PJ7/W4BUW, TN2T, V26BM, VK9CZ, VP5/PY2WAS, VQ9JC, ZF2LC and ZK2X.

QSLs via Direct: 3D2GC (OQRS), 3D2GC/P (OQRS), 6V7S (RK4FF), 6V7X (IK2VIL), BA4TB/4 [AS-136] (H/c), E2E [AS-107] (E21EIC), FJ/DK7LX (H/c), JY9FC (QRZ.com), K9W (OQRS), S21ZBB (OQRS), S21ZBC (OQRS), T33A (OQRS), TO3JA (JA3AVO), V5/DL3DXX (OQRS), V63XG (OQRS), YB9Y [OC-276] (YB1GJS), YW5X [SA-054] (DM4TI) and Z21ZBC (OQRS).

QSLs via LoTW: 4K6FO, JX7DFA.

BITS & PIECES -

DXPEDITION ISLA SAN LORENZO IN PERU IOTA SA -
A joint expedition, composed of members of the Radio Club Peruano and the Radio Club Grupo DX Bahia Blanca of Argentina, will be on the air from Isla San Lorenzo (IOTA SA-052, WLOTA 0131), located in the Pacific Ocean (12?05'23"S-77?13'26"W) between Thursday 20 and Monday 24, February with the special prefix OC0I. The operation also form part of "South America Lighthouse Weekend", with activation of the Faro Gran Almirante Grau (ARLHS PER-006, WLOTA 0131) installed in said island. With the team leader Pablo Vazquez OA4AI, accompanied by Cesar Brousek OA4CLU, Tony Vieira OA4DX, David Torres OA4YX, Carlos Almiron LU7DSY, Carlos Soulier LU4ETN, Daniel Lucca LU1HLH, Gustavo Taboada LU7HW and Eduardo Maleh LU7HEO. They have the support of the Peruvian Navy, who will transport team and cargo in one of their ships from the port of Callao, in addition to providing access to its facilities in the Naval Base in Isla San Lorenzo. They will be active with two stations simultaneously 24 hours, 80 to 10 metres, including WARC bands in CW, SSB and PSK-31. QSL: direct via LU7DSY (QRZ.com), bureau via LU3DXG and eQSL.

NAQCC Special Event from the Museum of Radio and Technology -
The West Virginia Chapter of the NAQCC will be using the N3AQC club call sign and operating from the Museum of Radio and Technology in Huntington WV, on Saturday, the 8th of February, 2014. Our operating hours will be from 10 am till 2 pm, near the standard QRP operating frequencies (plus or minus) between 40 and 10 meters.
A good way to track us will be the Internet link NAQCC "members on the air" and the spotting site: "QRP Spots". (links from my blog)
We will be using the Radio and Technology Museums 9 element beam antenna with my Icom 703 @ 5 watts of power with my personal key. We will try to work stations in a 360 degree pattern with the revolving beam antenna. Exchange will be QTH, Name,and NAQCC # if you're running 5 watts or less, or if not a club member, your power level.
The Huntington Museum of Radio and Technology is one of the best radio museums in the country and the meeting place of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Association. (TARA). The club will be holding VE exams that morning, and we expect good attendance from the group.
This is a great opportunity to showcase our NAQCC Club and the CW mode of communications. Listen for our signal. We anticipate good coverage with the 9 element beam. I'll be making up electronic QSL cards through the E-QSL site which will highlight both the NAQCC Radio Club and the Museum of Radio and Technology.
More information can be found from my radio blog (n8zyaradioblog.blogspot.com/) with the link to the Radio and Technology Museum and the WV Chapter links to the event.
Sincerly Yours,
John Smithson N8ZYA
WV Chapter of the NAQCC Club
NAQCC # 2279
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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